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SUBJ: DG FAREWELL SPEECH

1. DG'S FINAL SPEECH OF ONE HOUR DURATION WAS GENERALLY MODERATE AND CONSTRUCTIVE IN TONE. IN DEFENSE OF HIS THESIS THAT GC HAD PRACTICED "THE GOLDEN RULE", HE CITED CONSENSUS WHICH HAD BEEN REACHED ON SUCH KEY ISSUES AS NEW ECONOMIC ORDER, DEVELOPMENT DECADE TWO, MASS MEDIA DRAFT, AND MEDIUM-TERM PLAN. HE FELT THAT DRAFT NEGOTIATING GROUP HAS BEEN A SUCCESSFUL EXPERIMENT IN ACHIEVING THESE OBJECTIVES AND INVITED EXECUTIVE BOARD TO STUDY THIS MECHANISM AT ONE OF FUTURE SESSIONS.

2. HE ALSO SINGLED OUT OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, JERUSALEM, DISARMAMENT, AND SOUTH AFRICA AS ISSUES IN WHICH CONSENSUS WAS NOT POSSIBLE, NOTING THAT THESE WERE ISSUES WHICH HAD THEIR ROOTS IN BROADER POLITICAL PROBLEMS. HE EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH CLARITY OF OBJECTIVES ON OCCUPIED TERRITORIES ISSUE AND REAFFIRMED HIS INTENTION TO SEND AN INFORMATION MISSION IN NEAR FUTURE TO ISRAEL. CONTRARY TO EXPRESSIONS OF MANY DELEGATES, HE FET

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THAT RESOLUTION CALLING FOR DENIAL OF PARTICIPATION OF

SOUTH AFRICA IN ALL UNESCO MEETINGS WAS FULLY
JUSTIFIED SINCE THAT MEMBER STATE HAD CONTINUALLY FLOUTED
UNESCO CONSTITUTION AND OTHER UN HUMAN RIGHTS DECLARATIONS.
ON MASS MEDIA, HE REITERATED HIS INTENTION
TO SEEK THE BROADEST CONSULTATIONS POSSIBLE IN
DRAWING UP A NEW DECLARATION FOR 20TH GC.

3. ON FINANCIAL SITUATION, DG ISSUED ANOTHER
STRONG APPEAL FOR ALL MEMBER STATES TO DISCHARGE THEIR
FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS NOTING THAT REASURY WOULD BE
"IN PRECARIOUS SITUATION" IN EARLY 1977.

4. HE GAVE FULSOME PRAISE TO UTILITY OF SYMPHONIE
SATELLITE IN MAINTAINING CONSTANT CONTACT
WITH PARIS HEADQUARTERS AND MAKING NEWS OF UNESCO'S
ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE TO WORLD PRESS.
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